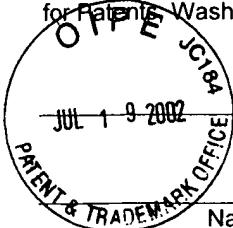


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Serial No.: 10/034,994

Group Art Unit No.: 1772

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
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WEB

**FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the

Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
6,132,410	10/2000	Van Gompel et al.
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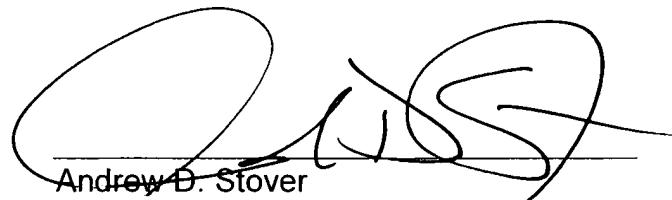
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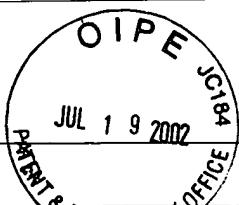
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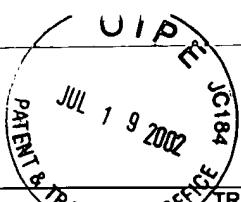
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- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
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